

# New Jersey VINE

Providing  
crime victims  
**peace-of-mind**  
by knowing when  
their offenders  
are released  
from custody.

This important  
information is only  
a phone call away.

## 1-877-VINE-4-NJ



State of New Jersey  
Office of The Attorney General



## A Message from **Attorney General** Peter C. Harvey

I am pleased to join with my fellow law enforcement agencies: the State Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy, the Department of Corrections, the County Prosecutors' Offices, the State Police, the State Parole Board and the Juvenile Justice Commission across the State of New Jersey in implementing the **VINE** service. I thank these state agencies for their dedication, commitment, and hard work in enhancing New Jersey's victim notification system.

Many victims live in fear that the criminal offender who hurt them may someday return to do so again. For these survivors, their families and friends, it is important for them to know if and when the offender is released from a correction facility.

Now, with just one toll-free phone call, a citizen can immediately learn the custody status of an offender housed in any of New Jersey's county jails or other county or state correctional facilities.

In addition to providing custody status information to callers, **VINE** also has an automatic notification feature. Any victim may register with the **VINE** service to be automatically notified if an offender's custody status should change. This feature eliminates the need for victims to constantly call a prosecutor's office to verify the offender's status. Protecting and vindicating victims is a core purpose of our work. **VINE** will help us to help survivors more efficiently.

# VINE Facts:

**The offender will not know you are registered with the New Jersey VINE Service.**

**If you are not at home, the New Jersey VINE Service will leave a message on an answering machine. If there is no answer, VINE will keep calling back until you enter your PIN code or until 24 hours have passed.**

**Since the New Jersey VINE Service calls automatically when an offender's custody status changes, you may get a notification call in the middle of the night.**

**Do not leave a phone number with the New Jersey VINE Service that rings to a switchboard.**

**If you have caller ID, calls from VINE will display a 502 area code. If you have any other call blocking/interception device, please be aware that calls will not get through.**

**You can register more than one phone number with the New Jersey VINE Service.**

**The New Jersey VINE Service monitors offenders in New Jersey's county Jails, state correctional facilities and most juvenile facilities.**

**Do not depend Solely on the New Jersey VINE Service or any other single program, for your protection. Make the New Jersey VINE Service part of your safety.**



# 1-877-VINE-4-NJ

(1-877-846-3465)

Call today for peace of mind

---

**VINE provides Statewide Victim Assistance and Notification 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

---


## **Victim Assistance Services in New Jersey**

- V.I.N.E. Web site –  
NJ Office of the Attorney General  
[www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine](http://www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine)
- Division of Criminal Justice  
[www.njdcj.org](http://www.njdcj.org)
- New Jersey State Office  
of Victim/Witness Advocacy  
1-609-896-8855
- New Jersey State Victim  
of Crime Compensation Board  
1-877-658-2221 • [www.nj.gov/victims](http://www.nj.gov/victims)
- New Jersey Coalition  
for Battered Women  
1-609-584-8107
- New Jersey Coalition  
Against Sexual Assault  
1-800-601-7200
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)  
1-800-448-6233
- New Jersey State  
Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-572-7233
- New Jersey State Elder Abuse Hotline  
1-800-792-8820
- New Jersey State Parole Victim Unit  
1-609-633-0595
- New Jersey Sex Offender Registry  
[www.nj.gov/oag/njsp](http://www.nj.gov/oag/njsp)
- Rape Crisis Services  
1-888-601-7200

oag-v.3.11.05

**State of New Jersey**

*Richard J. Codey, Acting Governor*



# What will VINE do for me?

The New Jersey VINE Service will tell you if an offender is in custody in the State of New Jersey and will give you other important information. VINE will also let you register telephone numbers where you can be notified if an offender is released or transferred.

Providing crime victims **peace-of-mind** by knowing when their offenders are released from custody.

# VINE

## What do I need to do?

**1** **Register with VINE** – toll-free at **1-877-846-3465** from a touch-tone phone or at [www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine](http://www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine). *You need one of the following to register:*

- ☐ Offender Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ SBI (State Bureau of Identification) Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2** **Leave your number.** If the offender is in custody, you can leave a phone number to be notified if there is a change in the offender's status. Do not leave a phone number that is answered by a switchboard. Enter the area code, phone number followed by the pound (#) key.

**3** **Create a PIN.** When the VINE Service asks, make up and enter a four-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will be easy for you to remember. Write your PIN below for future reference. The New Jersey VINE service will ask for the PIN code when it calls you.

My PIN is     Date I Registered \_\_\_\_\_